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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN-CHILEAN SEA OUTLET NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY.THERE IS A MOOD OF EXPECTANCY IN LA PAZ AS THE PUBLIC AWAITS AN IMMINENT CHILEAN REPLY TO THE BOLIVIAN DEMAND FOR A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA. PRESIDENT BANZER HAS APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AND TO REACT SENSIBLY AND PRUDENTLY TO THE CHILEAN ANSWER. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DECEMBER 18 EDITIONS OF THE LA PAZ MORNING NEWSPAPERS CARRY MAJOR STORIES QUOTING CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISER CARVAJAL AS PREDICTING THAT BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GUTIERREZ WILL CARRY THE CHILEAN ANSWER TO HIS COUNTRY'S DEMAND FOR A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO  
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THE SEA WHEN HE TRAVELS TO LA PAZ ON SATURDAY

(DEC.20).

3. PRESIDENT BANZER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOOD OF EXPECTATION IN LA PAZ, HAS APPEALED TO THE POPULATION TO REMAIN CALM AND EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT IN THE FACE OF A CHILEAN REPLY, WHETHER IT BE FAVORABLE OR DISAPPOINTING. BANZER PUBLICLY ANTICIPATED AT LEAST A NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL FROM CHILE WHEN HE ASKED THE PEOPLE FOR PRUDENCE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DAY THAT CHILE MAKES KNOWN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT WILL CONCEDE A SEA OUTLET TO BOLIVIA. THE PRESIDENT, SPEAKING TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF UNION LEADERS STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH ARE DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY FROM ITS POINT OF VIEW, TO MISCARRY BECAUSE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL BJS SECTOR LEADER. HE REITERATED THAT THE PEOPLE CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE DAY GOVERNMENT LEADERS DISCERN A LACK OF GOOD FAITH ON THE PART OF CHILE, OR BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE BEING DECEIVED BY THE CHILEANS, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE BROKEN OFF. HOWEVER, SUCH IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE THE CASE AT PRESENT.

4. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR DIAZ TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO FOR CONSULTATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17; BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GUTIERREZ IS EXPECTED IN LA PAZ ON SATURDAY, AND THE BOLIVIAN ENVOY TO PERU, JULIO SANJINES ARRIVED HOME YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 17. KNOWLEDGEABLE CIRCLES IN LA PAZ ARE GEARED FOR SOME MOMENTOUS NEWS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS/ THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE PREPARING THE PUBLIC FOR A POSITIVE CHILEAN OFFER BUT ONE WHICH MAY NOT FULFILL BOLIVIAN DREAMS AND COULD LEAVE AMPLE ROOM FOR CRITICISM FROM STRONGLY NATIONALIST SOURCES.  
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